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PRESS RELEASE

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DHAKA, SEPTEMBER 17 - Michael J. Delaney, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for South & Central Asia, Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), will lead a delegation to Bangladesh from September 19 to 23. He will be accompanied by Michael O'Donovan, Director for Labor Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR); Bruce Levine, Office Director, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL), U.S. Department of State; and Jennifer Goodyear, International Relations Officer, International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB), U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL).

During their visit, the delegation will meet with government officials, employers, workers, trade unions, the International Labor Organization, the Alliance on Bangladesh Worker Safety, the Accord for Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh, and other organizations. They also plan to travel to Chittagong to visit with the Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority, representatives from the shrimp processing sector, and other local organizations.

The delegation seeks to learn more regarding the efforts by Government of Bangladesh and other Bangladeshi actors in support of the Sustainability Compact and the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Action Plan. The team will assess progress made and areas for future progress to help ensure a successful Sustainability Compact review meeting in Dhaka in November with the European Union, the International Labor Organization, the United States, and the Government of Bangladesh. More information about the GSP Action Plan can be found at:

<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/trade/preference-programs/bangladesh-gsp.htm>

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